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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Dear Sir:

The above-referenced patent application was filed with a Preliminary Amendment of February 7, 2001.

An Office Action mailed February 25, 2002 was responded to on May 6, 2002. Copies of the Action and Response are attached.

A Final Office Action mailed August 14, 2002 was responded to on October 8, 2002. Copies of the Action and Response are

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attached. The six-month statutory time period was set to expire on February 14, 2003. My Response filed on October 8, 2002 was within the two-month period for triggering the issuance of an Advisory Action. The Advisory Action was mailed on June 4, 2003, ten (10) months after the Final Action and eight months after my response.

At the time of the receipt of the Advisory Action, there was no time left for me to respond. In addition, in one section of the Advisory Action, it is stated that the Proposed Amendments would not be entered and in another section, it is stated that the Proposed Amendments will be entered.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully resubmit the Reply mailed October 8, 2002 and the clock reset so that an appropriate response may be drafted.

Respectfully submitted,



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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Response to action due -

- A. per shortened statutory period: 5/25/02
B. per extension by petition and extension fee: 6/25/02
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ii. 2 month extension fee: 8/25/02
iii. 3 month extension fee: FINAL DEADLINE

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